GREAT MONOPOLY TO LOSE CONCESSION.

Canadian Niagara Falls Power Com any's Charter to Be Revoked-Trade suffers a Check on Account of Unseasonable Weather-Values Strong.

The Ontario Government has taken a tion to annul its agreement with the Ca nadian Niagara Falls Power Company anted in 1892, which gave the cor a monopoly of the Niagara falls power of the Canadian side for fifty years, the company to pay \$25,000 for the improvements and to make certain improvements before November, 1899. The company is prac-tically the same as that which controls a milar privilege on the American side of the river. The agreement of 1892 is to annulled on the ground that the imrements agreed on have not been mad that there is now no possibility making them before November. Another wealthy New York syndicate is preparing to develop the power on the Canadia

RATEROAD MEN ON STRIKE.

Enstern Corporation Says It Is Not Sharing General Prosperity.

All the employes of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Company's shops at Oil City, Pa., struck for a restoration of 10 per cent cut in their wages made two years ago. They were joined by the men at Buffalo and Olean, N. Y. Unless the matter is satisfactorily adjusted soon all divisions of the road will be tied up. The officials of the road stated to representa tives of the men that they were not shar ing in the general prosperity, and could not afford to grant the men's demands. The earnings of the company in 1898 were 1 per cent per mile less than in 1897. Their freight traffic is their principal source of revenue, and consists only of hauling coal and iron, and competition is very sharp.

TRADE IS NOT EO BRISK.

Industrial Conditions, However, Con-

tinue of a Flattering Character. In reviewing the commercial situation Bradstreet's says: "There is a quieter tone in several lines of business this week independent of the reduction in volume of distributive demand, resulting from continued unfavorable weather conditions in a large section of the country. The strength of quotable values, however, fails to show that any material slackening of underlying movements has as yet be-come apparent in leading lines. Industrial conditions continue of a most flattering character, with advances in wages still a prominent feature in the iron, steel, machinery and allied trades.'

Had a Needle in His Heart.

The physicians who performed an au-topsy on the remains of Louis Bremer, who died in San Francisco of planting of covered a piece of needle three-quarters of an inch long firmly imbedded in his heart. There was no indication that any bad ef fect had followed the piercing of Bremer's beart, and it was evident that the bit of steel had been in the vital organ for some time previous to his death.

Scientists in a Shipwreck.

News has been received of the loss of the schooner Stella Ehrland, which sailed from San Francisco Feb. 26 with a party institution to investigate animal and ma rine life in the tropics. The little vesse was wrecked off the coast of Lower California. All on board were saved, but the

Miners Celebrate Sixty thousand miners in Illinois an the four competitive States laid down their tools the other morning and spent day, which has been in force in union mines for one year. At nearly every mining center there were public exercise and speaking by prominent labor leaders

Three Fires in One Day.

There were three incendiary fires in different parts of Dallas, Texas, at the same time the other day. Owens' grocery store and one of the tenements occupi by George Stanley were destroyed, causing a small loss. R. H. Parks' costly residence was saved, but suffered \$1,000

Cannot Sue for Damages.

The Supreme Court at Indianapolis has held that an employe of a railroad in agreeing to accept benefits from a railroad relief association in case of injury relinquishes his right to bring suit against the company for damages.

Rear Admiral a Suicide. Rear Admiral Charles Carroll Carpen ter, United States navy, retired, commit-ted suicide at the Adams Nervine hospital at Jamaica Plain, Mass., by shooting himself with a revolver.

Mint Superintendent Dies. Israel Lawton, ex-superintendent of the San Francisco mint, and formerly judge of the probate court of Albany, N. Y., is

Columbia City Hall Burned. At Columbia, S. C., the city hall and opera house was totally destroyed by fire. The aggregate loss is about \$70,000, insur-

Alteged Kidnapers Given Up.
Mrs. Ingersoll and John Collins, the alleged kidnapers of little Gerald Lapiner,
have been removed to Chicago for trial.

Increase Wages 10 Per Cent.
The National Steel Company some time ago purchased the Actna Standard Iron and Steel Company of Bellaire, Ohio, paying about \$4,000,000 for the entire plant. A 10 per cent increase has been given the

and a large plant at Mingo Junction. Indiana Lady's Sudden Death,
While en route from Texarkana, Ark.,
Mrs. W. D. Owen, wife of the Secretary
of State of Indiana, dropped dead in the
aisle of the car. Her last words, as she
fell, were: "I believe it is paralysis."

Gift from J. D. Rockefeller.

John D. Rockefeller has notified the trustees of Dennison University at Granville, Ohio, that if within the ensuing year they will raise \$150,000 he will present the institution with \$100,000. The members of the endowment committee of the university are confident of success.

Killed by an Insune Woman.
At Worcester, Mass., Patrick Hassett
was beaten over the head with an iron
har by Mrs. Thomas Cary and killed. Mrs.
Cary was insune. She attacked Michael
Sullivan and Hassett, who were sleeping
in one bed. Builivan received severe in-

CONFESSED AN OLD CRIME.

torney, died at the Soldiers' Home at Chillicothe, Ohio, the confessed murderer of Samuel Penn, another young attorney. Some years ago Penn was mysteriously polsoned, a large quantity of strychnine having been placed in medicine he was taking. Hewitt was presumably his friend, but it seems he determined to murder him and happened into the doctor's office just as he was preparing some medicine for Penn, in which, while the doctor was absent. Hewitt placed the poison. The murder has always been one of the deepest mysteries of the county. Hewitt became a wreck in mind and body from remorse for his crime, and finally died at the home.

BANDIT'S DAUGHTER SHOT.

Mortally Wounded as She Fights Of-ficers Who Killed Her Father. In a pitched battle between a band of thieves and officers near Dexter, Mo., the daughter of the bandit chief fought desdaughter of the bandit chief fought desperately until she fell mortally wounded across the dead body of her father. Chas. Hendrickson was the leader of the desperadoes, who were attacked by a posse under Sherist Rains. A desperate fight followed, in which tully 100 shots were fired. It ended only with the death of Hendrickson, the fatal shooting of his daughter and the wounding of Deputy C. B. Booth. Hendrickson and his gang were fugitives from Franklin County, where they are charged with a number of robberies. Two were captured and five escaped.

Kansan Given the Death Penalty for

the Murder of His Father. At Topeka, Kan., John Henry Collin received the death sentence for the mur-der of his father with the same placid demeanor that has characterized his ac-tions from the first. When asked by Judge Hazen if he had anything to say.

he made a sensational speech, which brought tears to the eyes of many of thos who crowded the court room. Among other things he said: "I know that I am innocent; I know that I did not kill my father. I wish, if it were possible, that yond the grave and be before you so you might learn from him that I am not

DRIFTED FOR TWENTY HOURS.

Fishermen Caught in Lake Erie Ic Five fishermen of Sandusky, H. C. Pa

son and his three sons, James, John and Charles, and Louis Roberts, bave reached their homes after a most thrilling experience on Lake Erie. They went out in a small sail boat to lift their nets and were caught in a terrific storm, which carried away the spar of the boat and drove the ice down upon them so that they were for nearly twenty hours drifting helplessly about in a heavy sea among crushing and grinding ice floes, and in momentary dan-ger of going to the bottom. They were

STEAMER NORSEMAN ASHORE.

Crew of 102 Rescued by Life Saver

Using Breeches Buoy. The Warren Line steamer Norsema Captain Rees, bound from Liverpool to Boston, went ashore just inside Tom Moore's Rock, about one hundred yards off the Nanepashemet Hotel, Marblehead Neck, Mass. Captain Charles of the life saving crew saved twenty-one men in the breeches buoy before daylight, and the remainder of the crew were taken off as rapidly as possible. The Norseman car-ried a crew of 102 men and no passengers.

Flashed Through the Air. Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor who recently obtained permission from the French Government to establish a station on the French coast for the purpose of experimenting with wireless telegraphy

that he has conducted successful experi-ments between the South Foreland, Coun-ty of Kent, and Boulogne, at the mouth of the Lianne. The Loudon Times prints a 100-word dispatch, the first press mes-sage by the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy, describing the experiments be-tween the South Foreland and Boulogne-Sur-Mer. The experiments were conduct-ed with the Morse code, which was read as distinctly as if the termini and been connected by wires. The distance from South Foreland lighthouse to Boulogne-Sur-Mer is thirty-two miles. The greatest previous distance covered by similar ex-

periments was the eighteen miles between Poole and Bournemouth in England. An experience of fourteen months had shown Marconi that no kind of weather in England would stop the working of his apparatus. The vertical conductor he us s the main feature of his system.

Killed by a Mob. A special from Hollen, Kan., says: "Henry Sanderson, the young farmer attempted to murder his sweetheart, Myrtle Fleisher, near Mayetta, and instead wounded Mrs. John Fleisher, her aunt, who was at her side, so that she died, was lynched by a mob from Mayetta. The mob, with Sanderson, marched to Banner creek, tied a rope around his neck, and fastened the other end to a beam. His neck was disjointed by the fall of twelve feet and death must have come almost instantly. The mob then quickly dispers-ed. The body was cut down by Sheriff

Hass. None of the mob is known by the officials." Stirring Up a Revolt. The American Indians of St. Regis res-

ervation are egging on the Canadian Indians to revolt against the Canadian Government. It is expected that the Ottawa Government will look to the State of New York to aid it in quelling the disturbance Between 200 and 300 of the Indians dis armed, beat, maitreated and nearly killed Inspector Hogan and Dominion Police-man Chamberlain and chased them and Constable Morris of Dundee from the res-

Long, a prisoner for five hours. Murderer Escapes from Jail.
Louis Burger, sentenced to serve twenty-one years for murder, escaped from the penitentiary at Frankfort, Ky., by prying off the bars with a piece of iron and descending to the ground by means of a rope he had made from a sheet.

Explosion Wrecks a Distillery. The Penwick distillery, at Cheswick Pa., owned by Elias Black of Cincinnati was partly wrecked by a boiler explosion Hugh Nulton, the engineer, and James Henderson were fatally scalded.

S. R. Armour Dead. S. B. Armour, read of the Kansas City packing house of Armour & Co., and brother of Philip D. Armour of Chicago, died at his home in that city, of pneumo-

Majolos Has Fallen.
Maj. Gen. MacArthur has entered Malos, the seat of the so-called insurgent government, the natives burning thand simultaneously evacuating it.

Akron Street Railway Fold.
The Akron, Ohio, Street Railway an
Illuminating Company property, appraised at \$605,000, was sold to a reorganize

Had Murdered Five Persons. Bates Soper was hanged at Har-ville, Mo., the other day. He fell a

distance of seven feet, breaking his neck, dying without a struggle. The execution was private and was witnessed by only forty persons. Soper was executed for the murder at their home at Archie of his wife and their two daughters, aged 4 and 6 years respectively. Soper ran a butcher shop. One day is April, 1891, he announced that he had learned that there was a "blind tiger," or an illicit saloon, in town and that he could not live in a place so wicked. He sold his shop and disappeared. Four days later neighbors found the mother and children dead in bed. The heads of all had been crushed with an ax. Soper had left a note saying he could not properly support his family and that he believed they would be better off dead. Soper went to Fortland, Oregon, and, taking the name of Frentice, married a respectable widow. In April, 1897, he deserted his second wife, taking their 2-year-old child with him. He afterward killed the child, choking it into insensibility and burying it alive. Later Soper, under the name of Homer Lee, leased and worked a small fruit farm near Ashland, Cal., where he was captured June 11, 1897. After being landed in jail at Harrisonville Soper confessed not only the killing of his wife and two children in Missouri and ance of seven feet, breaking his may without a struggle. The execute private and was witnessed by Stoper confessed not only the killing of his wife and two children in Missouri and his child in Oregon, but admitted the murder, in 1880, of his father.

GREAT CATCH OF SEALS.

British Scaler Geneva Secures 1,245 Skins in a Short Cruisc.

Fur-bearing seals have been unusually plentiful off the California coast during the past winter. The British sealer Ge neva put into Monterey after a cruise of SENTENCED MAN DENIES GUILT.

a little over two months off shore with 1,243 skins. The British schooner Mer maid sailed from Victoria with the Ge neva and she was reported having good luck. The Zilla May and Diana sailed from Victoria about a month ago and three weeks after they were out the had an average of 300 skins each. From all reports recently received, the fleet o sealers is heading for Fort Ross, where they will provision and fit out for cruise in the Bering sea.

CUBAN BANDITS ARE KILLED,

Officials at Santiago Take Vigoro Steps to Suppress Brigandage.
Five more bandits have been captured and two others killed at Santiago de Cuba The citizens express satisfaction at the capture of Matamoras and Trucon, wel mown brigands, and it is thought tha with their capture the backbone of brig andage in the district is broken. Col Juan Vian, the new chief of gendarmie is showing much more energy than was displayed by his predecessor, Col. Francisco Vallente. Indeed, the recent captures are due to his zeal and he believes that little, if any, further trouble will arise from brigands for a time at least.

NEW PLOT AGAINST THE CZAR.

Report from Copenhagen Says En

peror's Mother Is Implicated.
L'Echo de Paris publishes a sensational dispatch from Copenhagen saying hat a plot against the Czar, in which hi mother and M. Pobyedonotzeff, the head of the holy synod, are implicated, has spirators being to take advantage of the condition of the Czar's health to remove him from power and confide the govern ment to his uncle, who is classed as a ne torious reactionary.

Torture Well-to-Do Couple. At Dennison, Ohio, six masked burglar entered the house of Mr. and Mrs. Thos Crocker, an aged and well-to-do couple and bound and gagged them. Mr. Crock er was tortured by having lighted matches put to his feet to compel him to reveal the hiding place of his money, but refused. Mrs. Crocker was subjected to barbarous indignities. The robbers secured only \$97.

Youthful Firebug Arrested. A most remarkable degenerate is thi boy, who confesses to having started thir

boy's name is Irving Taylor. Live Wires as Weapons. Live trolley wires were used as a mean d defense during a riot between traction nen at Homestead, Pa. Right of way over McClure avenue was disputed by the United and Monongahela traction companies. The wires were cut by em oloyes of the United company. was a clash between employes of the two

companies. Bankruptcy Law Point Decided. Judge Shiras of the Federal Court a Dubuque has decided that under the bank ruptcy act innocent third parties can hold their securities. The court holds that mortgagees cannot be compelled to yield possession of property in their hands which has passed into their possession before proceedings in bankruptcy were be

Explosion in Fireworks Factory. At Hoboken, N. J., a small manufactor, of fireworks was destroyed by an explo on and Nicola Anzalone was killed and Michael Angelo, 14 years old, was fatally

Dr. James O. Murray Dead. Dr. James O. Murray, dean of Princ ton University, is dead.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2, 36c to 37c; oats, No. 2, 26c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 55c to 57c; butter choice creamery, 20c to 22c; eggs, fresh 11c to 13c; potatoes, choice, 58c to 65c

Indinapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, choice light, \$2.75 to \$4.25 sheep, common to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.50 wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 2 white, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 31

to 33c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.60; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 75c to 77c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 84c to 36c; oats, No. 2, 27c to 29c; ryc, No. 2, 56c to 58c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 75c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 37c to 38c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 28c to 30c; ryc, No. 2, 58c to 60c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 34c; ryc, 59c to 61c.

yellow, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 34c; rye, 59c to 61c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 35c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 55c to 57c; clover seed, new, \$3.45 to \$3.55.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 3, 32c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 31c; rye, No. 1, 55c to 57c; barley, No. 2, 46c to 48c; pork, mess, \$9.00 to \$9.50.

Roffelo—Cattle, good shipping steers,

Buffato-Cattle, good shipping steer \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, common to choice \$3.25 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice wet

\$3.20 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$5.25; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$6.25.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.75; hogs. \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 84c to 85c; corn, No. 2, 48c to 46c; oats, No. 2 white, 85c to 89c; butter, creamery, 17c to 23c; eggs, Western, 12c to 14c.

NEWS OF OUR STATE.

TEMS OF INTEREST TO MICHI-GANDERS.

Fog Causes a Disastrone Wreck-Folitary Old Man Is Murdered -Good Tip for Watermelon Country-Fires at St. Johns and Kesexville.

strous wreck which occurred at New Soston. South-bound freight train No. soston. South-bound freight train No. 3 46 and north-bound passenger train No. 3 were both ordered to take the siding at New Boston to allow south-bound fast freight train No. 48 to pass them at that point. No one seems to have estimated the length of the two trains for, when the the length of the two trains for, when the engineer of train 46 attempted to get on the siding, he found it too short for his train and some of the last cars were out on the main track. The engineer of train 48, supposing, of course, that he had the right of the track, was speeding along at a fast rate and in the fog could not see either the signal lawns or the range and either the signal lamps or the rear end flág man who did not have time to get far back. Engine 105 was hauling train and struck the rear cars of train 46 with great force. It ripped the caboose apart and scattered seven or eight cars all ove the track and some of them clear outside the railroad's right of way. The engine toppled over in the ditch and is there yet very nearly a total wreck. Louis Hale of Saginaw, the fireman on engine 105, was instantly killed. Engineer Joseph Rose was badly injured. The damage will be

fuspected of a Murder. Alex. Marr, aged 64, who lived alone or the old Moore farm, five miles east of Clio, and was supposed to be a miser, was found dead on the floor the other morning by John Boyer. Abraham Goodfellow, a druggist and undertaker there, went to prepare the body for burial, when he found a chloroform bottle outside with his label on, and he remembered selling the bottle, together with a bottle of alcohol, the night before to William Spears, who has been working in the vicinity for sev eral months. The same night that Spears purchased the chloroform and alcohol hired a livery rig. The rig was seen tied in front of the old man's house at a late hour that night by parties who knew the horse. Spears was arrested at Birch Run and taken to the county jail at Flint.

Vinegar from Waterme'ons. Last October Dr. R. C. Kedzie received letter from a former student of the agri cultural college, now residing in Texas, asking if vinegar could be made from the pice of the watermelon. The profes advised the experiment and gave direc tions for making. Lately he received sample of high-class vinegar made from this source which contained 5.13 per cent of acetic acid. This suggests a possible new industry for the South where melons grow so abundantly.

Office Damaged by Fire.

The office of the St. Johns Table Com pany was burned one morning not long The origin of the fire is supposed to be an electric light wire. This office was destroyed in 1895, as well as part of the table plant. The office is insured for \$2, 000 and the contents for \$3,000, which will cover part of the loss. The factory was not injured.

Fire at Essexville. A fire in Essexville totally destroyed Frank Trudell's saloon and the residence of S. A. Duplanty. The loss on the saloon and contents is \$3,000, with insurance of \$1,900. The loss on Duplanty's house and contents is \$2,000, with insurance of \$1,190.

Grand Trunk Wreck.

In the person of a boy only 15 years old the police of Williamsburg, N. Y., discovered the firebug who has terrorized the senger ran into the rear end of a freight, embelone and two box cars. A wreck occurred on the Grand Trunk No one was injured.

Tries to Kill with an Ax. At Calumet, Peter Kalunki, in a fit anger, attempted to kill Eric Kaario the other night by hitting him over the head with an ax. His assailant was captured by Marshal Beck.

State News in Brief. A fire at Walled Lake burned the store occupied by S. Gage and the dwelling ouse of Mrs. Hoyt.

Fred Roepkey of Stockbridge was flously hurt by a tree falling on him while at work in the woods. The Common Council of Ypsilanti ha decided to give the voters a chance to say

whether they want a new public building granted the Wabash Railroad a right to put in the interlocking device at Britten

J. A. Randall, a brakeman employed on the Michigan Air Line at Lenox, was struck by a train, but fortunately escaped

serious injury. Lewis Ross, brakeman on a Flint and Pere Marquette switch engine, had his right hand badly crushed at Freesoil while switching.

There are chances that the proposed beet sugar factory in Mt. Clemens may be a go after all. All that is now needed is

the acreage subscriptions. William Scott died at his home in Bloomingdale, aged 46 years. Mr. Scott was a successful farmer and well known

Kitty Germaine and Edwin Newton bugler of Company M. Thirty-fourth Michigan, of Traverse City, were secretly

The recent advance in the price lambs, upwards of a dollar per hundred-weight, in a week, is a benefit to Hills-dale County feeders of more than \$40,000. George A. Davis, '99, has been elected manager of the Olivet College baseball team. Although most of the candidates have been in the gymnasium during this

term, a more rigid course of training will be immediately begun. The Bloomingdale village cheese fac-tory has begun the senson's operations. This makes five cheese factories and creameries in operation near Blooming

A committee of Gaylord Business Men's Association went to Wolverine and seugar beets for Gaylord's sugar beet fac-

Rev. Herman S. Justema, recently of Marine City, has been installed as pastor of the Birmingham Presbyterian Church, Revs. Jerome and Bray of Detroit cor ducting the services. Mary M. Palmer of Jackson has

declaration of trust. Commissioner Campbell has directed life insurance companies operating in Michigan to abandon the plan of making special board agency contracts, declaring them to be a violation of the interstate

The Michigan Supreme Court has af-firmed the judgment of the Circuit Court at Detroit, enjoining the city from using public funds to pay bills incurred in en-tectaining the League of American Muni-cipalities.

A party of thirteen persons left Com-merce for New York State. They travel in wagons and expect to be twenty days in the road.

S. E. Francis, a trapper of Stockbridge, has sent a protest to Gov. Pingree against the passage of the law prohibiting the trapping of muskrats previous to Nov. 1. Francis has been a trapper thirty years and he says, as a rule, after that date the rivers and brooks in this State are frozen

Prof. W. B. Barrows of the State Ag ricultural College declares the bounty for killing English sparrows is unnecessary and injudicious. He says the sparrows will not increase rapidly in this cold cli-mate and if killing is necessary a little poison would be more humane and less ex-The people of Constantine are very proud of Maj. Harry A. Baudholtz, who has made such a good record with the Thirty-fifth Michigan volunteers. His

work has been commended by his superior officers and his recent assignment to the Grand Rapids recruiting office pleases According to the Iron Mountain Press nore than half the total tax levy in Dick inson County has been returned as delin-quent, the amount being \$36,521 out of a total of \$64,924. Of the delinquent amount \$20,597 was from the city of Iron Moun-

Standing in the presence of his family at Lausing, Charles G. Lauzun swallowed a fatal dose of carbolic acid after saying "Good-by to everybody." One year ago Lauzun's son was murdered, his head being beaten with a gas pipe. The mystery surrounding the murder has never been solved and the father's action is attributed to this fact.

Last fall two young Frenchmen died at Munising from the effects of drinking wood alcohol which a subsonkeeper gave them by mistake. Recently the boys' father, who lived in Quebec, started fo Munising to bring proceedings against the saloonkeeper for damages. He stopped at Newberry, and while in the woods near there a tree fell on him and killed him,

The will of Mrs. Melissa E. Terry of Benton Harbor has been filed in the pro-bate court, and she gives between \$6,000 and \$7,000 to the public library of that city. The sum of \$1,050 is divided equally among her sisters and brother. A Detroit cemetery, where the remains of Mr. and Mrs. Terry are laid away, gets \$200 and parties in Grand Rapids are remembered in the will.

A couple of Deckerville men went to th polls to vote at the recent village elec-tion. Their ballots were refused on the ground that they were not American citi zens. They were determined that they were going to vote, however, so they procured a rig and set out for the county seat There they secured naturalization papers and got back home in time to cast the first

The faculty of the University of Michi gan for the present year consists of 222 persons. Of this number 61 are professors, 11 assistant professors, 1 lecturer 62 instructors, 46 demonstrators and as sistants in instruction, 11 non-resident lec turers, 22 librarians and other officers of administration or assistants not giving in-struction. Six of the 222 are absent from college pursning special studies.

A Marcellus man and his wife were go ing home one very dark night recently when the carriage in which they wer wheeling their baby was tipped over and the baby spilled out. They had to bunt around some time before they could find the little one, and when they did it was in a hole under a hedge, sound asleep and oblivious of the fact that it had had spill and been lost for some minutes.

·Menominee capitalists and business m conferred with C. M. Garrison of Detroit. Mr. Garrison is an expert beet sugar manufacturer and promoter. A company is in process of organization to erect a big beet sugar factory in Menominee. A stock be organized. The estimated cost of the contemplated plant is \$500,000. The plant is to be completed by Jan. 1, 1900. daily capacity would be 1,000 barrels.

Three months ago farmers in this State could not get 25 cents per bushel for their potatoes. Then came the big freeze-up and the reports that all pitted potatoes had been ruined sent the price up flying Fifty cents was freely offered by buyers but many whose potatoes were in good condition refused to sell at that price, all though it was double the top figure of a few weeks before. Now it is being found that the tubers in pits were not nearly as badly injured as was supposed and the price has dropped again, and those who could have sold at 50 cents, but held out

for a dollar, are doing some tall thinking. The Dickinson family, living in the vi-cinity of St. Louis, has sold its worldly possessions in that neighborhood, and during the first week in May will start for the Holy Land to found a colony. In the party will be Leroy Dickinson, his mother and two brothers; also James Nichols Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison and Mr and Mrs. James Emery. The colony wil have enough money from the sale of their St. Louis property to purchase about 200 acres of land in the vicinity of Jerusalem, and expect to make it their future home They are members of the Church of God and it is their belief that the people of

God will all be gathered together prior to the coming of Christ. At Trenton, N. J., Chancellor McGill filed a decree annulling the marriage of Rachel F. Peele of Jersey City and Geo. F. Fisher on the ground that there was no actual marriage ceremony. Two years ago Fisher and Miss Peele were students at the University of Michigan. They became engaged to be married. Accord ing to Miss Peele's testimony they wen through a marriage ceremony in Toledo to bind the engagement, but continued to maintain toward each other the relations of single persons. Fisher went to Mexico, where he still is. Recently he wrote home that he was not doing well and that he felt that he should release Miss Peele from her engagement. On the strength of this she instituted proceedings for the annulment of the Toledo marriage.

William Ricaby, one of the oldest and best-known residents of St. Joseph, died suddenly of apoplexy while enting dinner. He was 75 years of age and was prominent in business circles in former years.

There was a big railroad meeting held in Lyons to determine how much money could be raised toward helping to build a railroad through the town, from Mar-shall to Bay City. The railroad company asked \$10,000, and about \$8,000 will be subscribed. This will make three rail-roads for Lyons, and as Lyons has a splendid water power it is hoped facttorie can be secured for the place.

The Old Church at Leoni, formerly the chapel of the Wesleyaus, has been pronounced unsafe and is being torn down. The civil war killed the Wesleyan College there, so many of the students de-

The newest scheme which is being worked on the Michigan farmer is for a smooth agent to secure permission to tack up a few signs on the farmer's barns and fences, and then ask the unsuspecting granger to sign an agreement not to tear down the signs for ninety days. Three months afterward the farmer who was simple enough to put his name to the paper is notified that his note at ninety days, for \$300, is due.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MICHIGAN SOLONS.

SERIOUS SUBJECTS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED.

A Scholarly Exposition of the Lesson -Thoughts Worthy of Calm Reflection-Half an Hour's Study of the Scriptures-Time Well Spent.

The lesson for April 9, the text of which is John 12: 1-11, tells us of "The Anointing in Bethamp." We come now to the close of the ministry of Jesus. If the raising of Lazarus occurred some time in February or early in March, there is an interval of several weeks between that and the anointing by Mary; for the date of the latter is definitely fixed—"six days before the passover," that is, Saturday of the preceding week, the day before the triumphal entry. The exact date is fixed by scholars (reckoning the date of the passover by the full moon near the vernal equinox of the year 30) as April 1. Between the raising of Lazarus and the anointing at Bethany there occurred sev-eral events and discourses in Judea: for example, the healing of the ten lepers (Luke 17: 11-19), the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18: 9-14), the blessing of little children (Luke 18: 15-17), the conversation with the rich young rules (Luke 18: 18-30), the rebuke to James and John, the healing of the blind men near Jericho, the visit to Zacchaeus, etc.

Explanatory. "Martha saved": a strong indication that she was in the house of a relative or intimate friend. There is a tradition that Martha was married and that Simon was her husband; another that she was his widow (the house retaining the name of its deceased master). Of course these are merely guesses.

"A pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly;" this "nard" is said to be the liquid perfume, of an oily nature, obtained from an Indian plant. It is mentioned in the classic writers as one of the costliest of perfumes. Anointing with oil—olive oil—was universal in ancient times. The richer a man was the finer the quality of the oil he used, and the more profuse in quantity. Some degree of anointing seems to have been regarded as necessary to to health, to soothe the skin after exposure to the burning sun and to preserve the suppleness of the muscles. Beyond this, it was a luxury; and of course the use of costly perfumes was possible only to the wealthy. Mary's ward was contained in an alabaster flask (Matthew and Mark), which in itself was a mark of luxury. It has sometimes been supposed that this family at Bethany was a humble one, and that this flask of cintment represented the one heirloom of the household, or the sav-ings of years, so that in pouring the nard freely upon her Master's feet Mary was spending her all. There are some things to indicate that this was not the case, that the family were people of some afflu-ence. The number of mourners at the funeral of Lazarus is one point, especially the fact that Jews came (presumably from

Jerusalem) among that number. This very passage is another hint pointing in that direction, since neither the objectors nor Jesus made any reference to Mary's having beggared herself by her extrava gance—their point was that she ought to have helped the poor; and the natural in-ference is that she herself was not poor. John names only Judas; but Judas, though the first to see the finaucial folly of the act—being a business man himself—soon got followers among his fellow disciples, as we learn from Matthew and Mark. We cannot believe that all of the We cannot believe that all of the twelve joined in; certainly John himself

cannot have done so.
"Three hundred pence": that is, 300 de-narii; about \$50, but equal in purchasing that sum. Only the very wealthy would use a pound of nard to anoint the feet of a single guest, and then only if he were a distinguished person, a prince or great time, if a person in ordinary circum-stances were to present \$400 worth of cut flowers to a guest, it would be thought very extravagant, yet the flowers would last for days, while the perfume of this nard was a fleeting pleasure. This is the practical way of looking at it—Judas' way. In the thought of Jesus, and of all true followers of him, the perfume of Mary's precious gift outlasts the centu-

John speaks concerning Judas almost the only severe words that he utters in his whole gospel. What could be more cutting than this little parenthesis—"This he said, not that he cared for the poor, because he was a thief, and having the bag took away what was put therein." Neither Jesus nor John could find it in his heart to speak bitterly or sarcastically concerning any man, however sinful, ex cept he be a hypocrite, pretending to be that which he was not.

The seventh verse reads somewhat differently in the revised version: "Suffer her to keep it against the day of my bury-ing." Mark prefaces "She hath done what she could." We are not to suppose that Mary consciously anointed her Mas-ter as one who was shortly to come to his death, but rather that her act, performe out of pure adoration, had a deeper and more somber significance to him.

"For the poor always ye have with you;" there has been not a little dispute about a supposed misapplication of these words as an incitement to benevolence. In many churches it is a custom—the origin of which is obscure—to quote these words previous to the collection for the poor which is commonly taken before the Lord's supper. Some extremely critical persons have objected to this, because Jesus was not primarily recommending charitable giving, but rather calling at tention to the superior virtue and grace fulness of direct personal ministry to him self. That is true; it is true that he spok the words as a reproof to disingenuous objectors, saying in effect: "You profes to be so anxious about the poor; then why occasions, in every day life? Why do you forget all about them until some money is spent in another way? Charity to the poor is right and necessary, but there are other duties as well."

The end was now rapidly approaching.
This Saturday evening at Bethany marks
the beginning of the catastrophe. Its publicity, especially the astonishment and curiosity that would be aroused among the
guests and the hangers-on outside the
house (common at oriental festivities) by
Mary's extravagant gift, thoroughly Mary's extravagant gift, thoroughly awakened the priests of Jerusalem to the crisis. These priests, being Sadducees and especial haters of the doctrine of a resurrection, were eager to get Lazarus out of the way, and very soon their hatred changed to Jesus himself. Before an-other Sabbath evening came, Jesus was Next Lesson-"Jesus Teaching Humil ity."-John 13: 1-17.

A Big Shert of Paper. The largest sheet of paper has been

produced by an American firm. It is ninety-six inches wide, fourteen miles long, and weighs over twenty-three hundredweight. This mammoth bundle of paper is unbroken and without a hole. The roll has been named the "Jumbo," and when it was being re-moved it required the united efforts of twelve strong men to put it in the

The Legislature practically took a layoff Monday evening. Both homes had
been scheduled to meet at D o'clock, but
so many of the House members had gone
to visit the Mt. Pleasant normal school
there was no quorum. Enough of the there was no quorum. Enough of the Senators to do business showed up, but all they did was to file one bill, that of Representative Murdoch, providing that highway commissioners might make contracts in matters entailing less than \$50 without consulting the township boards.

It took the House committee of the whole nearly four hours to talk over three bills Tuesday afternoon and only one was passed. Representative Crosby's bill providing that in case where the State requires bonds they may be furnished by surety companies created all kinds of trouble, as it was claimed that the measure had been gotten up in the interests of the salooukeeners, who want to evade having saloonkeepers, who want to evade having to secure personal bonds, the acceptance of which is now optional, while the bill of which is now optional, while the made no such provision. Representative Eikhoff trotted out his hill of last session providing that all factories using emery wheels must be provided with fans and blowers, but it was amended so much that he had it informally passed. There was another warm tilt on Representative Anderson's bill to give the bodies of the pauper-dead in Kent County to the Grands Rapids Medical College. The House ground out several bills in committee of the whole, including one allowing Clerk Lew Miller \$800 for compiling the session laws of 1897, which was favorably pass-

laws of 1897, which was favorably passed. Representative Keep's bill providing that the custodians of county, city or township records shall permit the inspection by the public under proper rules and regulations brought up the old fight of favoritism, it being claimed some abstract firm might secure a monopoly of the records. The House Committee on Military Affairs reported out a concurrent resolu-Affairs reported out a concurrent resolution providing for the return of the battleflag of the Fortieth North Carolina Confederate infantry, captured by the Fourteenth Michigan infantry at the bat-tle of Bentonville, S. C., March 19, 1865, and now in the military museum in the capitol. The resolution was unanimously

The anti-pass resolution, as reported by the conference committee, making the use of a pass bribery, was the first business taken up by the Assembly on Friday, and the committee report was adopted. After some argument as to the exact status of the resolution-it having been back and forth between the two houses a number of times a motion was made to recon sider the vote adopting the committee report. This was lost by a tie vote of 42 to 42. The bill and the resolution were laid over until Thursday. The Senate adopted a joint resolution providing for the appointment by the Governor of fitters. teen persons to interest the people of the State in making an exhibit at the Paris

exposition. Adjournment was taken until Wednesday evening. Nearly two hours were spent Thursday morning in discussing the report of the Educational Committee that the upper peninsula normal school should be located at Marquette, but the opposition again scored a failure, as only two members had the courage to vote against the bill, while seventy-five favored it. The only change made was in the name and the in-stitution will be officially known as the Northern State Normal School. Ways and Means Committee reported out ways and Means Committee reported out an appropriation of \$25,000 for a building and \$10,000 for running expenses coupled with the proviso that the city of Mar-quette raise \$5,000 to be devoted to fur-nishing the school. Representative Keep finally got his bill through, giving the public access to county, city or township rec-ords without having to have a stand-in with the custodian and the joint resolution giving Clerk Lew Miller \$800 for compling the session laws of 1807 was branded O. K. In committee of the whole in the afternoon the House passed Senator Humphrey's local option bill, with practically no debate. Gillam's bill amending the general tax laws so that personal property may be seized anywhere in the State for delinquent taxes, was ed. The bill has the proviso that the owners of land on which they do not want to pay taxes may deed the same to the State when it will be placed in the homestead act. Handy's bill appropriating \$100 for each county teachers' institute and \$400 for a State institute, the whole sum not to exceed \$3,000, was passed. Represent-ative Phillips tried to hold up the fish commission deficiency bill, amounting to \$5, 175, but failed. Among the other bills favorably considered were Pack's, to place needy soldiers of the Spanish war under the provisions of the soldiers' relief com-mission. Burch's, providing that in the city of Detroit the structural plans of all builders over three stories high must be submitted to the city engineer for examination; amending charter of Detroit so that personal property of delinquent tax-payers may be seized and sold at auction; increasing salaries of Wayne County cor-oners from \$1,200 to \$2,000; providing that in Detroit persons arrested by the

ed for more than twenty-four hours at a time. Heineman, providing a stenograph-er for the Wayne County Circuit Court commissioners. Both houses adjourned until the following Tuesday night.

police as suspects must be brought before a police justice within thirty-six hours, and that such persons cannot be remand-

The following bills have recently passed Senator Collingwood-Make valid cer-tain acts performed by Alexander O. Tay-lor, who was acting as Michigan register of deeds in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Chamberlin-Repealing the act
creating a board of commissioners for pur-

poses of securing a uniform series of text Mr. Dickinson—Amending the act for reorganization of military forces of Michigan; permits eligible colored men to join the National Guard.

Senator Loomis—Amending insurance laws of this State to enable State com-

panies to invest their funds in municipal bonds, desirable real estate, etc.

Mr. Gillam—Authorizing issue of patent for swamp land in Ogemaw County to Milton Adams. Senator Graham-Authorizing forms tion of corporations to prevent cruelty to children, animals, birds and fowls. Mr. Reed—Authorizing Oak Grove Cemetery Association of Napoleon to

transfer property. Senator Smith-Annexing certain terri-tory of Portage township to the village of

Mr. McCallum—Authorizing township of Burt to bond for \$5,000 to benefit said township and public improvements.

Mr. Schmidt—Submitting to foters of Saginaw County the proposition of build-ing and maintaining an asylum for insane of Saginaw County, costing \$75,000. Senator Heald—Amending general school laws of this State relative to bonded indebtedness. Law amended so that population of school districts shall govern the amount of bends issued; prevents overhanding

Senator Henid-Authorizing the Governor to issue-land patent to Joseph Crawford for certain State swamp lands.

Senator Collingwood-To provide for the employment of women physicians in certain institutions of this State where women are confined.